

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-6 and 13-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. To address this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, and 5 in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are definite and allowable, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under § 112 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 5, 6, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. To address this rejection, Applicants have amended claims 5, 6, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 27 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are directed to statutory subject matter and respectfully request that the § 101 rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION


All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02?2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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